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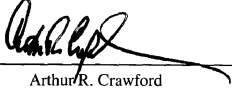
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to remove multiple dependencies thereby reducing initial filing fees and to place the claims in a more traditional format. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

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IN THE CLAIMS

21. (Amended) A composition useful for increasing the level of growth hormone in a human or an animal which comprises an inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1.

22. (Amended) A composition useful for increasing the level of growth hormone in a human or an animal which comprises an inert carrier, an effective amount of a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1 and a growth hormone secretagogues selected from KP-102(GHRP-2), GHRP-6, Hexarelin, GHRP-1, L-692,429, L-692,585, MK-0677, G-7220, or growth hormone releasing factor(GRF), IGF-1, IGF-2, or B-HT920 or said growth hormone.

23. (Amended) A method for increasing levels of endogenous growth hormones in a human or an animal which comprises administering to such human or animal an effective amount of a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1.

24. (Amended) A method for treating or preventing diseases or conditions which may be treated or prevented by growth hormone which comprises administering to a human or an animal of such treatment or prevention an amount of a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1 which is effective in promoting release of said growth hormone.

26. (Amended) A method for increasing the level of growth hormone in a human or an animals which comprises administering to a patient a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1 in combination with an additional growth hormone secretagogue selected from KP-102(GHRP-2), GHRP-6, Hexarelin, GHRP-1, growth hormone releasing factor (GRF), IGF-1, IGF-2, B-HT920 or said growth hormone.

27. (Amended) A method for the treatment of osteoporosis which comprises administering to a patient with osteoporosis combination of a bisphosphonate compound such as alendronate, and a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1.

28. (Amended) A method for the treatment of bone fractures, wounds or burns which comprises administering to a patient with bone fractures, wounds or burns a combination of a growth factor such as FGF (fibroblast growth factor), PDBF (platelet-derived growthfactor) and a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1.

29. (Amended) A method to increase the rate and extent of growth of animals, to increase the milk or wool production of animals, or for the treatment of ailments, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to [any one of Claims 1 to 20] Claim 1.